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As an experienced executive, accomplished corporate attorney, and serial entrepreneur, I currently serve as the CEO of Scout Space Inc., a business dedicated to delivering orbital safety and security through a distributed architecture of in-space optical sensors.

Prior to Scout, I was General Counsel at Spaceflight Inc., a group company of Mitsui & Co. Ltd., where I oversaw corporate, regulatory, and commercial matters related to the development of novel orbital transfer vehicles and the launch of dozens of satellites on launch vehicles across the globe.

I also served as Deputy General Counsel and Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer at Momentus Inc. (NASDAQ: MNTS), another business developing orbital transfer vehicles, and held a series of roles at Raytheon Technologies, primarily in the Office of General Counsel within what was then the Intelligence & Space business, where I held key programmatic advisory roles focused on technology security and international contracting for remote sensing and electronic warfare systems.

I attended UC Santa Cruz, hold a JD/MBA from Drake University, and completed postdoctoral work at Stanford's Spogli Institute for International Security Studies, with an emphasis on national security and intelligence.